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MINNESOTA HOG INVENTORY UP 7 PERCENT

Minnesota hog producers had an inventory of 7.6 million hogs and pigs on March 1, 2011, up 7 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from the December 1, 2010, figure, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Breeding hogs totaled 560 thousand head, up 2 percent from a year earlier and market hogs and pigs at 7.04 million head, were up 7 percent from a year ago.

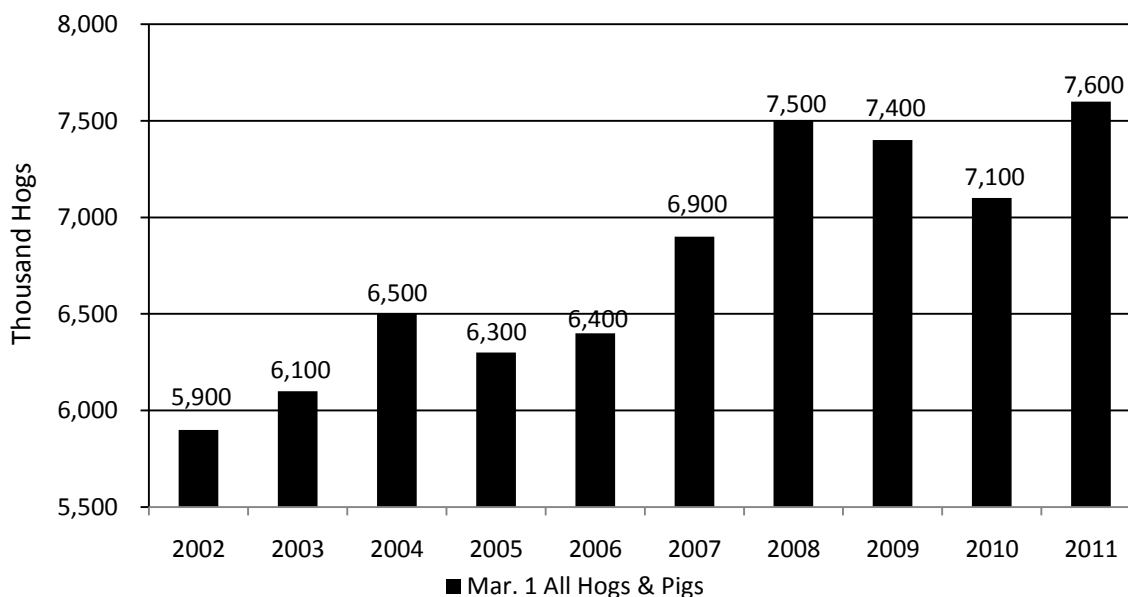
DECEMBER-FEBRUARY PIG CROP UP 10 PERCENT

Minnesota's December 2010-February 2011 pig crop totaled 2.89 million head, up 10 percent from a year earlier and up 2 percent from the September-November 2010 pig crop. The 285 thousand sows that farrowed averaged 10.15 pigs per litter, up from 9.90 a year ago.

MARCH-MAY AND JUNE-AUGUST INTENTIONS

Hog producers in Minnesota intend to farrow 285 thousand sows during the March-May 2011 quarter. If realized, this would be up 2 percent from actual sows farrowed during the same period a year earlier. Producers also intend to farrow 295 thousand sows during the June-August 2011 quarter. If realized, this would be up 5 percent from actual sows farrowed during the same period in 2010.

Minnesota Hog Inventory 2002-2011



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U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2011 was 64.0 million head. This was up 1 percent from March 1, 2010, but down 1 percent from December 1, 2010.

Breeding inventory, at 5.79 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 58.2 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The December 2010-February 2011 pig crop, at 28.0 million head, was up 1 percent from 2010 but down 2 percent from 2009. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.86 million head, down 1 percent from 2010 and down 5 percent from 2009. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.80 for the December 2010-February 2011 period, compared to 9.61 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.90 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

REVISIONS

All inventory and pig crop estimates for June 2009 through December 2010 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. Based on the findings of this review, an adjustment of slightly more than one percent was made to the September 2010 total inventory. An adjustment of less than one half of one percent was made to the December 2010 total inventory. An adjustment of more than one percent was made to the June-August 2010 pig crop.

**Monthly Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop,
United States, December-November 2010-2011^{1 2}**

Month	Sows Farrowing ¹		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop ¹	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Dec ²	973	956	9.62	9.81	9,358	9,382
Jan	960	958	9.58	9.76	9,197	9,348
Feb	940	942	9.62	9.83	9,042	9,256
Mar	982		9.76		9,588	
Apr	972		9.84		9,560	
May	976		9.82		9,582	
Jun	990		9.78		9,679	
Jul	980		9.83		9,637	
Aug	973		9.82		9,555	
Sep	967		9.89		9,564	
Oct	944		9.90		9,350	
Nov	936		9.87		9,237	
Total	11,592		9.78		113,348	

¹ Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.

² December preceding year.